

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the third paragraph on page 13 (i.e., lines 22-31) with the following paragraph:

-- In the communication system 500, the VCR 105 operates as the Status Manager. The Status Manager ~~504~~105 has status channel creation module 501 for creating on the bus an isochronous status channel. The status channel creation module 501 can create the status channel for example on request, or when the Status Manager ~~504~~105 is powered up or reset, or when it determines that at least one device 101-106 is capable of reading from the isochronous status channel. This determination can be made, for example, if this at least one device 101-106 contacts the Status Manager ~~504~~ with status information to be distributed on the status channel, as explained below. The Status Manager ~~504~~105 further has status transmitting module 502 for transmitting status information on the isochronous status channel. The status information may have to be encoded in some way before it can be transmitted.--